

CARNFORTH URBAN DISTRICT

Medical Officer's Report,

For the Year 1923.

To the Chairman and Councillors

OF THE

Urban District of Carnforth.



Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ended December 31st, 1923.

Population. The estimated population is 3,242.

Deaths. The total number of deaths registered in the District was 38, and 6 deaths were registered in other districts belonging to the district, making the total deaths belonging to the district 44, equal to a death rate of 13.57 per 1,000 of the population.

The deaths of infants under 1 year was 8, equal to a death rate of 114.28 per 1000 births registered.

Causes of Deaths. Influenza 4, Tuberculosis 3, Cancer 2, Pnuemonia 2, Bronchitis 4, other defined causes 30.

Births. The total number of births registered during the year was 70 (35 males and 35 females), equal to a birth rate of 21.59 per 1000 of the population.

Sewers and Sewage. No new Sewers have been laid during the year.

The Sewage of the district is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all

sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve inch valve down the manholes.

The present state of the Closet accommodation in the district is as follows :

Fresh Water Closets	509
Waste Water Closets	48
Privy Closets	213
	— 770.

No of Privies, situate within the Council's present Sewage System—119.

Scavenging House Refuse. The collection of house refuse is carried out by the Council's own staff for the greater portion of the district, the outlying farms, etc. dealing with their own refuse.

The refuse from the Bins is collected weekly, and the refuse from the Ashpits is collected periodically and deposited on the Tipping ground off Kellet Road.

The number of receptacles emptied are :

Bins	-	61
Ashpits	-	703
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Total		764

Factories & Workshops. The different factories and workshops have been regularly inspected and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses. There are four bakehouses in the district, all are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

Slaughterhouses. There are five slaughterhouses in the district, only one being of modern construction, the remaining four being old corrugated iron and wood structures.

Lodginghouses. There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

Dairies and Cowsheds. The dairies and cowsheds have been inspected by me and I propose to deal with these in a special report.

Housing. During the year 4 new houses have been completed on the Kellet Road Site for the Council under the Government Housing Scheme.

Housing and Town Planning Act.

Number of Dwelling-houses inspected during the year **100**
under and for the purpose of Section 17 (1).

Number of such Dwelling-houses which were considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health **none**
as to be unfit for human habitation.

Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which representations were made to the local authority with a **none**
view to the making of closing orders.

Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made by the local authority. **none**

Number of Dwelling-houses, the defects of which were remedied without the making of closing orders. **65**

Number of Dwelling-houses which, after the making of closing orders, were made fit for human habitation. **none**

Under the above act, I have inspected Thirty-five houses. No houses were found to be in such a state as to render them unfit for human habitation.

Thirty-four Preliminary notices were served in respect to 65 houses, in respect of which there was an insufficient or defective ash-place. Twenty notices have been complied with dealing with 35 houses, and the remaining 14 notices of abatement are still outstanding, the work being in the hands of the Contractor.

Housing Accommodation. I consider that the housing accommodation of the working classes very unsatisfactory, as several families are living in one house, which, in the near future is likely to cause a serious state of overcrowding. There are 770 inhabited houses in the district, and 2 houses vacant. 14 have Joint Sanitary accommodation.

Infectious Diseases. The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:—Diphtheria 4, Tuberculosis 2, Enteric Fever 1, Scarlet Fever 1. The removal of the cases of Diphtheria to Hospital has been carried out promptly. The cases isolated at home have been visited and Disinfectants supplied. Five houses have been fumigated with Lawsoform.

Hospital Accommodation. The Isolation hospital is an iron structure situated at Crag Bank, and has two wards, each to hold about six beds. There is a separate room for two nurses, a caretaker's detached residence, and the necessary out-buildings. It is built on a very good and dry eminence and is well isolated.

Water Supply. I consider the Water supply satisfactory and pure. It is obtained from the Carnforth Water Co.'s reservoir, situate at Withets; the gathering ground for which is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature, consequently the water is not hard, and is good for all domestic purposes.

The water passes through a system of Carbon Filters before being disposed of to the district.

In addition to the above reservoir, the Water Company obtain a supply from the Manchester Corporation Mains. The outlying farms and cottages being dependant upon springs and wells.

The following table shows the source of water supply :

No. of houses using Water Co.'s supply	697
No. of houses using Rain and Wells water	75

Nuisances. Thirty-three Preliminary Notices were served to abate nuisances dealing with Forty-four premises, and these have been abated without the necessity of serving statutory notices. Twenty-two Preliminary Notices served dealing with Thirty premises are still unabated, the work being in the hands of Contractors.

The above Notices served to remedy Nuisances are as follows :

Insufficient Water Supply	1
Effluvia from Pig Stys	2
Defective Yard Surfaces	6
Dirty Premises	1
Dilapidations and General Defects	6
Defective Cesspool	1
Defective Drains	8
Defective Sanitary Fittings	16
Accumulation of Refuse	3
Total	44

Inspections. I have paid 290 visits inspecting nuisances and work in progress.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1924.